of sending two members to the Assembly, which the taluk once possessed, should be restored to it.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

171. Appointment of a Christian Member to the Assembly from the Changanachery taluk.

Mr. Joseph Thommi (Member, Trading Classes, Changanachery) represented that, though the Christians formed more than one-fourth of the population of the State, they were not represented in the Assembly by a proportionate number of members. That was due to the fact that the Christian families which were governed by the system of partition were not in a position to secure Christian voters paying a Sirkar tax of Rs. 50. Considering the large number of the Catholic Syrian Christians, the Member prayed that the Changanachery Christian Association might be allowed to elect a Christian member to the Assembly every year or that the Government might nominate a member from the said association in years in which the taluk member was a non-Christian.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

172. Nomination of two Members annually, one from each of the Divisions of Quilon and Kottayam, to represent the Gouda Saraswatha Brahmin community in the Assembly.

Mr. Srinivasa Kammathi (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for nominating him to the Assembly. He said that, considering the population of his community and their interests, there must be two members to represent their grievances in the Assembly.

Dewan.—The total population of your community is only 10,218 and for such a number, do you say that one member is not sufficient?

The Member said that his community was scattered over twelve different places and required more than one member for the adequate representation of their grievances. He therefore prayed that the Government might be pleased to nominate annually two members of his community one from the Kottayam Division and the other from the Quilon Division.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

173. Nomination of a Member to represent the Cardamam ryots in the Assembly.

Mr. Ankur Mira Rowther (Member, Nominated) said that most of the cardamom ryots were residents of Cumbam, Kudalur and other places in British India, adjoining the Peermade taluk and that they lost the right of voting in the taluk for the reason that they did not reside within it although they satisfied the requisite property qualifications. The consequence was that the people of Kanjirapally and other places were elected as members and that the grievances of the cardamom ryots were not properly represented by such members, as they were ignorant of the difficulties of the cardamom ryots. The Member therefore prayed that the cardamom ryots might, as a special case, be permitted to elect annually a member from among themselves to represent them in the Assembly.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The consideration of the subjects being over, the Ezhava Members of the Assembly submitted a joint memorial praying for a legislative enactment to regulate marriage and succession in the community.

Some of the Members then addressed the Dewan as follows:—

Mr. R. Eswara Aiyar, B. A. & B. L., (Member, T. I. C., Quilon):—

Sir,

We, the members of the Twelfth Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, request you to convey our respectful feelings of deep devotion and abiding loyalty to His Gracious Highness the Maha Raja. It is the united and whole-hearted prayer of

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